



April 2024

School Readiness Calendar

Parents are the child's first teacher!
 Help prepare your child for kindergarten.



Sunday Creative Arts	Monday Language Arts	Tuesday Science	Wednesday Letter	Thursday Math	Friday Social & Emotional	Saturday Physical Development
	1 Sing nursery rhymes. "Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day!" "April showers, bring May flowers!"	2 Create a weather chart with symbols for sunny, rainy, & cloudy days. Encourage your child to fill the weather chart each day.	3 The letter of the month is "S." Encourage your child to search for things that start with "S" in your home: spoon, salt, slipper.	4 Learning about patterns supports literacy & numeracy. Create simple patterns with your child. Red square, blue circle, red square, etc.	5 Transitions can be hard for young children. Help your child with transitions by choosing a transition song to signal a change is coming.	6 The month of April is known for rainy days. Don't let that keep you inside all day! After the storm, have fun jumping in puddles!
	7 Create a rain stick using a paper towel tube, tape, & rice. Decorate the tube & enjoy the soothing sounds as you turn it back and forth.	8 New books are exciting for your child. Checkout winter books at your local library or Resource & Referral Center.	9 Fill a medium glass with water. Add shaving cream to the top. Using a straw or droplet, add drops of blue food coloring. Watch it rain!	10 Place shaving cream on a clean surface. Show your child how to write the letter "S" with their finger for literacy and sensory play.	11 Color a rainy-day pattern. Using a blue & gray crayon, encourage your child to color or draw a pattern. Blue, gray, blue, gray, etc.	12 Allow extra time for transitions. Toddlers & young children often need help shifting their focus from one activity to another.
14 Splatter paint fun: Use blue paint to splatter "raindrops" onto white paper. Describe the picture, "It rained a lot!"	15 Talk, talk, talk with your child. Introduce weather vocabulary to your child: raindrops, clouds, umbrella, fog, & rainbow.	16 Fill a bin with water & add toys, cups, spoons, & sponges. Encourage your child to pour & explore the water.	17 Letter recognition is important. While grocery shopping or in your own pantry, point to the letter "S" on products.	18 Mix it up. Add another simple pattern to sort. Red square, blue circle, blue circle, red square.	19 Let your child use a special transition object. "Your bunny can ride in the grocery cart with you & help us find bananas."	20 Rainy Day Fort Play. Using sheets & blankets, build a fort. Encourage your child to crawl under, exploring the fort.
21 Draw an outline of a cloud on blue paper. Encourage your child to glue on cotton balls to make a puffy cloud.	22 Ask "wh" questions while reading. "Where is... pause & encourage your child to respond by pointing or with words.	23 Measure the rainfall. On a rainy day, place a container outside. Measure how much rain was collected.	24 Storytime & Snacks. Read a story & enjoy snacks that start with the letter "S": strawberries, salsa, or saltines..	25 Make fun vocal patterns for your child to imitate. "Ba, ba, moo. Ba, ba, moo. Ba, ba, ____."	26 Provide a transition warning for your child. "5 more minutes until dinner time. 3 more minutes until we eat."	27 Set up an indoor obstacle course with household items like pillows. Cheer as your child crawls & jumps through the course.
28 Draw a rainbow with white crayon on white paper. Paint over the design with watercolor paint. Watch as the hidden rainbow appears!	29 While reading together, encourage your child to point to named pictures in the story.	30 Make a fizzy rainbow. In separate containers, drop colored vinegar onto baking soda and watch as the rainbow starts to fizz!				
						